

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10, 13-22 and 25-30 are pending, with claims 1-3 being independent. Claims 1-3, 7, 18 and 19 have been amended, and claims 4, 8, 11, 12, 23 and 24 have been cancelled.

Applicants hereby withdraw the priority claim. Applicants also acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 5, 6, 8, 13-16 and 22-26 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Fig. 3 has been amended in response to the Examiner's objection. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-3, 7, 9, 10, 17-21 and 27-30 have been rejected as being anticipated by Yamazaki. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection in view of the amendments to claims 1-3. In particular, Yamazaki does not describe or suggest including a drying agent in the filler, with the drying agent having a granular shape with an average diameter of 100  $\mu\text{m}\varnothing$ .

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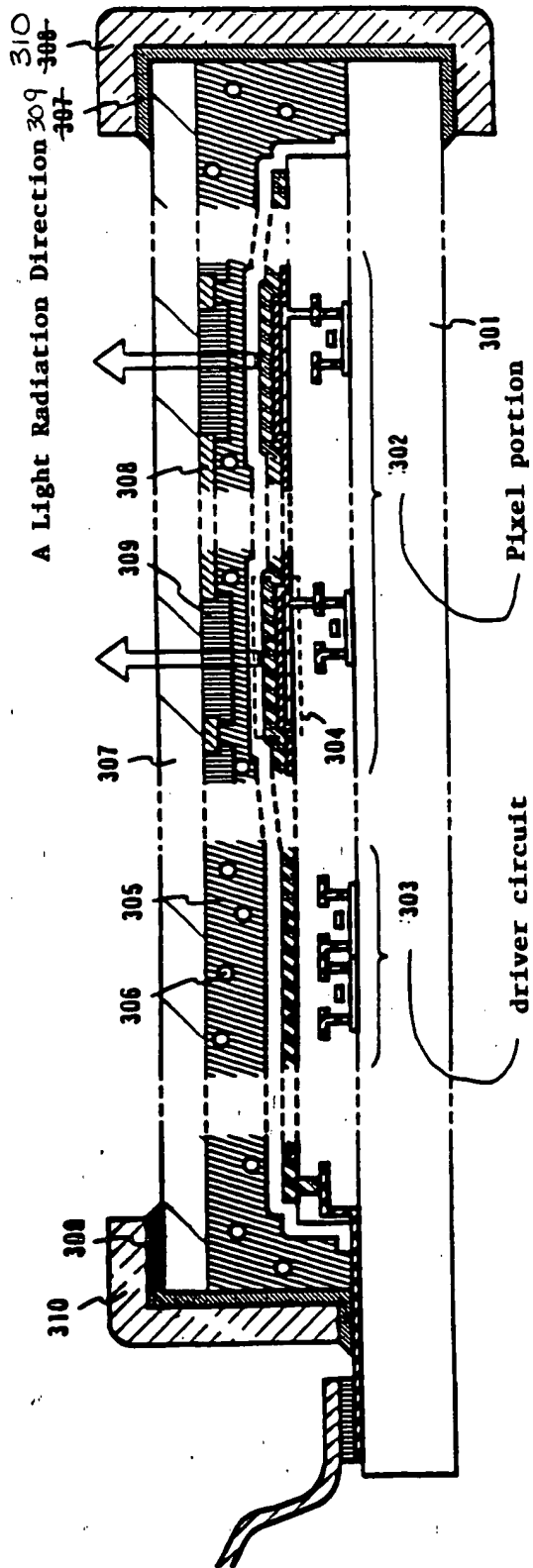


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